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The attached documents describe the use and benefits of  
particular strains of Lactobacillus and Bifidobacterium.

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However, if it is determined that a fee is due, the Commissioner is  
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It is respectfully requested that the attached patent documents be considered during examination of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,  
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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	AA	US 5,494,664	02/1996	<i>Brasart et al.</i>			
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